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FM USMISSION IAEA VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3623  
INFO AEC GERMANTOWN  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IAEA, TECH  
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY FOR MEXICAN POWER REACTOR

REF: (A) STATE 220032; (B) IAEA VIENNA 9160

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1. AGENCY ADVISES THAT ONLY INFORMATION THEY HAVE FROM MEXICAN AUTHORITIES INDICATES THAT FIRST CORE FOR LAGUNA VERDE PLANT WILL BE REQUIRED BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1976, AND THAT THIS WAS CONFIRMED ORALLY BY MEXICAN REPS DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE. EMB MEXICO MAY WISH OBTAIN CURRENT READING ON THIS POINT.

2. BELIEVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 1(B) REF A MIGHT BE OBTAINED MORE ACCURATELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY BY EMB MEXICO.

3. MISSION WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL MECHANISM MENTIONED PARA 2, REF A WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCY LEGAL STAFF (STEIN AND HA VINH) WHEN THEY RETURN TO VIENNA LATE NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER.

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4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE PARAS 1 AND 3 REF B

SOONEST, IN ORDER TO SEND OUR FORMAL RESPONSE TO DG'S  
SEPTEMBER 13 LETTER. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. AS MATTER OF INTEREST, MISOFF WAS INFORMED PRIVATELY  
SUBSEQUENT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS  
BY THREE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS THAT SOVIETS  
HAD PROVIDED VERY ATTRACTIVE OFFER TO MEXICAN REPS  
DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE (AEC/DEPT WILL RECALL THAT  
MEXICANS HAD REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH ALL POTENTIAL  
SUPPLIERS), WHICH, IN THEIR OPINION, PUT U.S. AT CLEAR  
DISADVANTAGE IF MEXICANS ARE INDEED SERIOUS IN CONSIDER-  
ING OFFERS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS. WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT  
BE SURPRISED IF MEXICANS WERE HEDGING THEIR BETS ON  
QUESTION OF FUEL SUPPLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW UNCERTAINTY  
CREATED BY AEC SHIFT OF GROUND-RULES FOR CONTRACT  
EXECUTION DEADLINE (SEE PARA 8 IAEA VIENNA 8119), NOTWITH-  
STANDING INDICATIONS THAT AEC IS CONSIDERING MODIFICATIONS  
OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE, WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF  
EXTENDING DEADLINE IN MEXICAN CASE BEYOND DEC. 31, 1973.  
WHETHER THEY ARE SIMPLY HEDGING, HOWEVER, OR ARE SERIOUSLY  
INTERESTED IN DOING BUSINESS WITH SOVIETS IS QUESTION  
ABOUT WHICH WE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE.  
EMB MEXICO MAY WISH TO PROBE MEXICANS A BIT ON THIS TO  
TRY TO ASCERTAIN THEIR CURRENT INTENTIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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